

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION III 1650 Arch Street

1650 Arch Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029



## CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

MAR 9 2012

O.F. Zurn Company John M. Ballinger, Jr., President 27736 N. Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19132-2721

Re:

**Required Submission of Information** 

Metro Container Site, Trainer, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Ballinger:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") is seeking information concerning a release, or threat of release, of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants at the Metro Container Corporation Site located in Trainer, Pennsylvania (hereinafter, "the Site").

The Site includes property located at or near 2<sup>nd</sup> and Price Streets in Trainer, Pennsylvania which was used by the Metro Container Corporation and others for drum recycling and reclamation activities through approximately 1990 ("Metro Property"), as well as other locations where wastes associated with operations at the Metro Property have come to be located. In the 1980s EPA conducted an investigation at the Metro Property and oversaw performance of a response action which included the removal and off-Site disposal of thousands of drums from the Metro Property. Analyses of samples taken at and near the Metro Property in 2005, 2007, and 2010 reveal the presence of volatile organic compounds ("VOCs"), polychlorinated biphenyl's ("PCBs"), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons ("PAHs"), and metals in soils and groundwater.

Based on records available from the operation of the Metro Property, and your responses to EPA's 104(e) Information Request Letter sent in April 1988, EPA believes that you sent drums to the Site for reconditioning. The purpose of this letter is to obtain certain additional information from O.F. Zurn Company (hereinafter "you") in connection with the Site and your operations. The specific information required is attached to this letter as <a href="Enclosure E">Enclosure E</a>.

Pursuant to the authority of Section 104(e) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. § 9604(e), EPA has the authority to require you to furnish all information and documents in your possession, custody or control, or in the possession, custody or control of any of your employees or agents, which concern, refer, or relate to hazardous substances as defined by Section 101(14) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9601(33), which were transported to, stored, treated, or disposed of at the above referenced Site and which concern your ability to pay EPA's costs in cleaning up the Site.

Section 104 of CERCLA authorizes EPA to pursue penalties for failure to comply with at section or for failure to respond adequately to required submissions of information. In addition, providing false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations may subject you to criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. § 1001. The information you provide may be used by EPA in administrative, civil, or criminal proceedings.

You must respond in writing to this required submission of information within forty-five (45) calendar days of your receipt of this letter. The response must be signed by an appropriately authorized corporate official. If, for any reason, you do not provide all information responsive to this letter, then in your answer to EPA you must: (1) describe specifically what was not provided, and (2) provide to EPA an appropriate reason why the information was not provided.

All documents and information should be sent to:

Kenneth I. Rose, III, Financial Analyst (3HS62) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III 1650 Arch Street Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

This required submission of information is not subject to the approval requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, 44 U.S.C. Section 3501, et seq.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Kenneth I. Rose III at 215-814-3147, or have your attorney contact Senior Assistant Regional Counsel Andrew Goldman at (215) 814-2487.

Sincerely,

Joanne Marinelli, Chief Cost Recovery Branch

Hazardous Site Cleanup Division

Enclosures: A. Business Confidentiality Claims/Disclosure of Your Response to EPA Contractors and Grantees

B. List of Contractors that May Review Your Response

C. Definitions

D. Instructions

E. Information Requested

cc: Andrew Goldman (3RC41)

Kenneth I. Rose, III (3HS62)

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